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Judge Kollar-Kotally-

I am a scientist at a small biotechnology company involved in developing therapeutics to help people. I am writing this letter in protest of the proposed Microsoft settlement.

We use Microsoft products because we are forced to. For the research we do, computer applications are often only generated for the Windows platform because no other operating system has enough market share to justify development. In itself, this is not a significant problem. However, there are so many problems and issues with the Windows operating system and Microsoft Office that we have been forced to hire a full time Information Technology employee for a staff of only 15 people. This expense, in conjunction with software and hardware costs forced by Microsoft compatability issues, costs us more than \$200,000 dollars a year. This is a huge expense for a small business.

The proposed settlement seems like a government endorsement of the Microsoft monopoly. This will only make our situation worse, with no competition to control inflation of prices. I hope you will reconsider and take a tougher stance against Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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